



Parish Clerk: Julie Fortnum

Minutes of the meeting of Deeping St James Parish Council held on **Thursday 30 March 2017 at 7.30 pm at The Institute.**

Present: Councillors Barber, Blessett, Bowell, Dilks, Gilbert, Green, Hall, Hosking, Pelling, Shinkins, J. Stevens, T. Stevens, Wallis, Ward, the Parish Clerk, a representative of the Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum and a representative from The Deepings Methodist Church.

Open Forum

Louise McGuinness from the Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum updated the members about the proposal for a bus service from Spalding to Peterborough via both Deeping St Nicholas and Deeping St James. She is working with Deeping St James Parish Councillor Tim Stevens to prepare a report and they have a meeting with Lincolnshire County Councillor Richard Davies, who is the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT on 19 April 2017 to put forward their case. The Deeping St Nicholas Parish Plan questionnaire suggested residents would use the service, it was hoped it would be a subsidised service and the service provider had not yet been confirmed.

Following on from this Councillor Tim Stevens advised the Members that LCC were undertaking a safety survey for the new bus stop on Manor Way behind Deeping St James CP School.

Chris Pursehouse from The Deepings Methodist Church addressed the Members supporting the grant aid request. The Kitchen is now 27 years old and requires improvement to cope with modern requirements (Hygiene certificate 5) and the increased use. A number of groups use the facility and functions can be held for up to 250 people. Fundraising has been done by the Church themselves and they have approached other organisations for support, they will also receive gift aid on donations.

District Council - Councillor Phil Dilks informed the members of the recent leadership coup removing Councillor Bob Adams and Councillor Nick Craft

County Council – Councillor Dilks advised that the County had set the budget precept increasing it by 3.95% and that the transformation in street lighting was still posing issues as repairs are not being done because of the work around the 'switch off, meaning 2,800 lights in the County are currently not working.

132.17 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Thomas

133.17 To receive notifications of interest and consider requests for dispensations, if any.

Councillor Gilbert – Item 137.17.1

Councillor Pelling – Items 137.17.3 and 137.17.3

Councillor Blessett – Item 137.17.1 (Item 66.17 -S17/0184)

Councillor Wallis – Item 137.17.2

Councillor Ward – Item 137.17.3

Councillor Shinkins – Item 137.17.1 (Items 63.17 & 64.17)

Councillor Dilks – Item 137.17.1 (Item 63.17)

Councillor J Stevens - Item 137.1 (Item 63.17)

134.17 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2017.

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record

135.17 Clerks Report

The skate park tender was placed on the Government's Contracts Finder website on Thursday 2 March 2017 with a closing date on Friday 31 March 2017 and 6 Companies have contacted the Parish Council requesting further information and meetings.

An issue concerning litter on Back Lane which was raised via social media has been resolved by the Council's Maintenance Worker litter picking the area and the clearance of the build of litter in the dykes

being added to the work to be carried out by the community rehabilitation team when they visit the Parish.

The Parish Council have been approached by the save our telephone box in Crowland group for information and guidance on the process. A meeting has been requested with a representative from LCC Highways to discuss speed signage on Station Road and parking issues at Rycroft Avenue. Due to the recent reorganisation within the transport department these requests will be dealt with by separate departments and have been forwarded to the Signs and Lines Manager and the Traffic Regulations Manager and discussions are still ongoing. A second reactive speed sign and two additional brackets have been ordered.

A tenant has given notice of termination of one full allotment which has been split in two and reallocated.

A resident of Linchfield Road advised the Parish Council that she had rung 101 at 3am on the Monday 13 March 2017 as two individuals who had arrived in a car were playing basketball on the MUGA at Woody Heights Recreation area.

A resident of Churchgate visited the office requesting that the parish council liaise with LCC Highways to consider what can be done about the increase in cars parked along Churchgate making it difficult for residents and the buses and delivery lorries.

There have been two burials in March 2017.

In accordance with the law which requires signage to be installed in all bus shelters that are enclosed by 50% or more no smoking signs have been installed in all 11 shelters

Two incidences of fly tipping have been brought to the Clerk's attention by a member of the public and supported by the Maintenance Worker one of which led to Police involvement. Both have been reported to SKDC by a District Councillor.

The picnic bench springy motorbike and penguin bin have been installed on Jubilee Park.

It has been reported that Glendale's first cut of Jubilee Park off Thackers Way has destroyed all of the Purple 4 Polio crocuses planted by volunteers from The Rotary and The Friends of Jubilee Park.

Councillor J Stevens has obtained an apology from Glendale and reassurances that they will plant replacements in the autumn.

A resident reported to the District Councillors that the floodlights on the Astro turf had been out of use for 3 weeks meaning the facility had not been available to some sports groups. SKDC are working towards resolving this.

Anti-social behaviour at Woody Heights at 11pm on Thursday 23 March 2017 leading to two of the bin liners being thrown over into the School playing field was reported to the office then to 101.

The Maintenance Worker has removed more graffiti from the Linchfield Road bus shelter

136.17 To receive a report of progress in relation to matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

- 1 The Internal Auditor has noticed an error in the approved minutes of the council meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2017.

Agenda item 115.17 which read:

'At this meeting it was agreed to increase the budget figure available for neighbourhood plan expenses by a further £2000 and decrease the contingency figure by 5% (from £6388 to £4258) -taking these changes into account the band D levy would be £3.48 pa.'

should have read:

'At this meeting it was agreed to increase the budget figure available for

neighbourhood plan expenses by a further £2000 and decrease the contingency figure by 5% (from £6388 to £4258) -taking these changes into account the band D levy would **increase by** £3.48 pa.'

A resolution needs to be made to note this amendment.

Councillor Bowell proposed that this amendment should be accepted
Seconded by Councillor Dilks. **Resolved**

137.17 To consider financial matters

1. **To approve accounts for payment** – Councillor Dilks proposed, seconded by Councillor Shinkins that the accounts totalling £12,298.81 should be paid. Resolved with two abstentions (Councillors Gilbert and Pelling)

			NET	VAT
SO & BT	Staffing costs		£ 5,251.46	£ -
BT	Cartridgesave Ltd	Oki compatible toner cartridge multipack	£ 136.85	£ 27.37
BT	Gary Curtis (Zerosix)	Design newsletter & MAD poster	£ 70.00	£ -
BT	Prentice Bros	4 Weekly community skips	£ 400.00	£ 80.00
BT	e-on	Maintenance of the lighting at The Cross for the quarter up to 31/03/2017	£ 10.26	£ 2.05
BT	Viking	Second class stamps	£ 64.48	£ 0.58
BT	Mr A C Etchells	Work on the beacon shield at Jubilee Park and one bus shelter name plaque	£ 215.00	£ 43.00
BT	Castle Cleaners	Clean and inspect 10 bus shelters and the heritage telephone box	£ 150.00	£ -
BT	K Bowles	Re-imbusement for postage of Free prints	£ 3.69	£ -
BT	Steve Gilbert Building Services Ltd	Beacon Shield - the hire of a scaffold and 2 men to take down and deliver to the parish Council offices then collect from the parish council offices and re-fix and supply two stainless steel bolts/nuts	£ 275.61	£ 55.12
BT	Malc Firth Landscapes Ltd	Grounds maintenance at the Riverbank Woody Heights and Cemetery	£ 1,179.62	£ 236.93
BT	David Palmer Tree Services	Reduction in the height of hedge/trees on the northern edge of Woody Heights recreation ground and removal of waste	£ 550.00	£ -
BT	Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils	Local and National Association of Councils annual subscription 2017-18	£ 805.59	£ 161.12
BT	Unipart Dorman	Purchase of DF11 Speed Sign	£ 1,876.00	£ 375.20
BT	Shotbowl	4 x Crest Star trophies for APM and 1 x Gardening Trophy for Allotment show	£ 53.30	£ 10.66
BT	Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils	Lunch for one at the Councillor training day on 16 March 2017	£ 8.00	£ -
BT	Ctax Management	Accounting and payroll services for January February and March 2017	£ 312.50	£ -
BT	S.W. Fisk	Ground maintenance work at Jubilee Park, allotments, Priory Farm corner and tended 6 verges in the parish plus reimbursement for mower oil	£ 141.24	£ 1.25
BT	A&M Print Ltd	2 x monthly meeting adverts	£ 48.00	£ 9.60
BT	Holland Wing Civil Engineering Limited	Remove springy and picnic table from Millennium Wood and re-site at Jubilee	£ 318.72	£ 63.74

		Park and re-fix novelty penguin bin in play area at Jubilee Park		
CH	The Rotary Club of The Deepings	5000 crocuses to support the Purple 4 Polio campaign	£ 85.00	£ -
DD	Anglian Water Services Ltd	Water usage charges for the allotments - 24/11/16 to 14/03/17	£ 176.69	£ -
DD	British Telecom	Broadband and telephone charges for March 2017	£ 62.48	£ 12.49
DD	Biffa Waste Services Ltd	1100L wheelie bin - 28 days rental and 4 empties	£ 104.32	£ 125.18
		TOTAL	£12,298.81	£ 1,204.29

2. To consider the grant application from The Deepings Methodist Church

Councillor J Stevens proposed an amount of £500 which was seconded by Councillor Dilks and resolved with one abstention (Councillor Wallis)

3. To consider the grant application form The Deepings Raft Race

Councillor Shinkins proposed £650 which was seconded by Councillor Barber and resolved with one abstention (Councillor Pelling)

138.17 To consider planning matters

1. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the planning committee meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 23 March 2017

Councillor Blessett introduced the minutes referring members to item 63.17 regarding the proposed development of land west of Linchfield Road. Several Members had attended the recent exhibition and made a number of observations which in summary were as follows:

Less properties should be built

This development should be considered in connection with other surrounding areas that would be developed in the near future.

The landowners should make sure that their agent was working closely to their brief.

DSJPC had concerns about the infrastructure amenities and Highways.

It was agreed that Councillor Blessett and the Parish Clerk would write and send the Parish Council's comments to the landowners, Deeping St James United Charities, the Developers, Armstrong Rigg and South Kesteven District Council. Councillor Ward advised that Deepings First the neighbourhood plan group would also be writing to these parties. Councillor Blessett then turned to item 64.17 regarding Stephens Way and advised that the Planning Officer dealing with this had been written to and the parish council were waiting for a response.

Councillor Blessett then introduced item 66.17 stating that the committee recommendations relating to application S17/0131 & S17/0132 should be submitted to South Kesteven District Council. Resolved with two abstentions (Councillors Dilks and J Stevens)

Councillor Barber then referred the members to application S17/0184 advising that this was re-application with a minor amendment and the recommendation from the planning committee was that the same objections should be made as previously. Resolved with three abstentions (Councillors Blessett

Dilks and J Stevens)

2. To consider planning applications received since the planning committee meeting

Ref.	Address	Proposal
PL/0030/17	Linchfield Community Primary School, DSJ	To demolish 3 temporary class room units and replace them with a purpose built 3 classroom block Approved
S16/2310	Mr Carter Rose Inn, Village Streets, DSJ	Section 73 application to vary Conditions 2 and 3 of application S16/0848 to allow for alterations to windows, the construction of a single storey extension to house a swimming pool and installation of ground mounted solar PV attays. Approved

139.17

To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting.

From	Subject	Reply
Deepings Literary Festival	Invitation to all staff and Councillors to attend the launch event to be held at The Library at 6.30pm on Thursday 27 April 2017	RSVP 31 March 2017 A large number of Councillors confirmed that they would be attending
Lincolnshire's best kept village and small town competition	Application to enter	Closing date for entries 5 May 2017 No interest
Lions Clubs International	Invitation for the Chair and partner to attend the 37 th annual Charter Celebration at The Milton Golf Club Peterborough on 22 April 2017	Forwarded to Councillor Gilbert on 17 March 2017 RSVP 30 March 2017 Councillor Gilbert will attend this event
LALC	Charges are to be applied from April 2017 for the receipt of a quarterly hard copy the LALC newsletter and The Local Council Review (£5 and £17.50 respectively)	Do members wish to pay for these publications - the first is sent electronically and the second can be viewed on the NALC website. The Members agreed

		to pay for these.
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	Engagement with patients and public. Asking if Parish Council are able to offer opportunities to reach out to the community through speaking at local meetings or an article in a newsletter	Does the Parish Council wish to help. Invite them to do a five minute presentation or a table top display at the annual parish meeting
Deepings Raft Race Committee	Invitation to the Chair of Deeping St James Parish Council to open the event on Sunday 6 August 2017	Confirmation that the Chair is able to do this is required It was agreed that the Chairman of the Parish Council would open the event

140.17

To receive and consider minutes and recommendations of committees, reports from advisory committees, members reports from external bodies, members reports of meetings, seminars, training and events attended on the Council's behalf:

1. **Councillor Surgery at The Deepings Library on Saturday 4 March 2017** - Councillor Green represented DSJPC and received one visitor who wished to know more about hare coursing. Councillor Neilson who had been attendance representing MDTC had suggested that DSJPC approach MDTC for funding towards the skate park renewal. The Parish Clerk will contact the Town Clerk regarding this.
2. **Market Deeping Town Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner on Saturday 11 March 2017** – Councillors Gilbert and J Stevens attended this event
3. **Councillor Training day on Thursday 16 March 2017** Councillor Hosking attended this and was impressed with the training and found the event useful for meeting Councillors from other parish councils.
4. **Allotments Association AGM on Tuesday 21 March 2017** - Councillor Hall represented DSJPC at this event. The main topic of conversation was the ongoing rat problem.
5. **The Deepings School exhibition of work on Wednesday 29 March 2017** – Several Councillors attended and commented on the Teachers enthusiasm for their subjects and how very impressed they were with the standard of the students work
6. **Exhibition of proposed development of land west of Linchfield Road held at The Deepings school on Wednesday 29 March 2017** – Attended by several Councillors

141.17

To receive an update about the Welland footbridge project – Councillor Blessett distributed a paper advising that a flier was distributed to 1500 households south of the river and an article had been placed in The Advertiser that is distributed to households North of the River as well as local businesses being approached. To date this had raised funds totalling £4172. A second quotation was being sought

which would hopefully be less than the original one of £185000. Two funding bodies WREN and LEADER could be approached for a maximum of £50000 and £40000 respectively. The Northern Footpath Forum continues to meet every month and remains optimistic that the bridge will be built.

142.17

To consider becoming a member of the new 'Charter for Trees Woods and People' promoted by the National Association of Local Councils in partnership with The Woodland Trust – Councillor Howell presented a paper explaining this and proposed that the Parish Council become a Member. **Resolved**

143.17

To consider the 1 year grass verge reduced cutting agency agreement between LCC and SKDC – Councillor Barber advised that the SKDC contractors will continue cutting the verges for this financial year and may also weed kill the gutters. If the latter does not happen Councillor Barber proposed that DSJPC should request the contractor currently used to tend the Cemetery, Riverbank and Woody Heights to do this. This was seconded by Councillor Dilks and **resolved**.

144.17

To receive a report on the use of the community rehabilitation team – Councillor Barber advised that the first visit had taken place on Tuesday 28 March 2017. There were 4 in attendance and the van only holds 8 so because of this the company have offered to come weekly instead of fortnightly. As this will involve more organising, Councillor Barber has agreed to try it and see how things go.

145.17

To consider the proposal to merge the planning and transport committees when the committee structure is reviewed in May 2017 – Councillor Pelling proposed that these two committees should combine as there are often overlapping issues. This was seconded by Councillor T Stevens and **resolved**.

146.17

Parish Pump and to agree a volunteer to write the press report for next month's meeting.

The Clerk asked the Members to confirm who would be attending the annual parish meeting and advised that Councillor Dilks will be chairing the meeting.

Councillor Howell reminded Members that Councillor Dilks was representing the Parish Council at the Councillor Surgery in the Library this Saturday and he had promoted it on the Facebook page.

Councillor Hosking reminded everyone that it is the Exotic Pet Refuge open day on Sunday 16 April 2017

Councillor J Stevens reminded everyone that there is a quiz on 1st April 2017 at the Priory Church Hall proceeds in aid of The Priory Church Mission.

Councillor Wallis advised everybody that tonight he had tested the functionality of live streaming council meetings and requested that the item be put on the next agenda for consideration.

Councillor Barber volunteered to write next month's press report

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed

Date

